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To: Workforce Development Board Directors
Vocational Rehabilitation Directors
Job Service Directors

From: Bill Clingan /s/
Division Administrator

RE: Specialty Disability Program Navigator Grant Awards

PURPOSE: The purpose of this communication is to announce the grant awards for the Specialty Disability Program Navigator (DPN) project. The Milwaukee PIC is awarded the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Navigator, the South East Asian Navigator grant goes to the North Central Workforce Development Board, and the Native American Navigator will be contracted with one of the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Program. The focus of the Specialty Navigators is to assist people with disabilities within the targeted population to reach employment goals.

The DPN project is in the second year. Funding for the project is made available through the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, and the Social Security Administration. Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) received 1.8 million to operate years two and three of the project. Currently the project supports 11 full time employee (FTE) Navigator positions, one per Workforce Development Area.

BACKGROUND:

The Navigator Initiative provides resources to Wisconsin's Job Center system for more effective service delivery to persons with disabilities as well as assure the availability of comprehensive knowledge on disability issues that impact successful employment of the customer group.

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AS--Apprenticeship Standards	FM--Financial Management Requirements	ML--Migrant Labor	TR--Transportation
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CF--Children First	JC--Job Center	TC--Tax Credit Programs	
CR--Civil Rights	LM--Labor Market Information	TA--Trade Assistance	

The primary objective of the Navigator initiative is to increase employment and self-sufficiency for persons by linking them to employers and by facilitating access to programs and services that impact successful entry or reentry into the workforce. The issue is significant as noted from the results of the 2000 census that we have moved from 1 in 10 persons in 1990 with a disability to 1 in 5.

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